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opposite is true. Our neighbors in Kansas sleep as soundly as we do, even though their state does not execute criminals. Sociologists I have talked to say that there is no statistical evidence to indicate the capital punishment statutes reduce the homicide rate. And, finally, although others have touched, I don't think very often I have, on issues as a matter of their...their faith, I had shared that with this person and she said, I know you take seriously the tenets of your faith. I fear that if you were to vote against the bill to abolish capital punishment you might suffer personal anguish at succeeding executions believing yourself to be "complicit" in those deaths. I don't know whether that would be the case or not, but I would hope you would be spared the anguish.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: And so, I will continue to listen, I will continue to struggle, and I will try my very best in the end to search my inner self, my soul and, for my constituents, my best judgment. I will not do a poll. I will not ask. I have a feeling that many of them feel as we do today. And I agree with Senator Bromm. I respect everyone's stance, whatever that may be, and with any luck at all our constituents would feel the same for us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Further discussion, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Having had sufficient debate, do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question before us is, shall debate cease? Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Debate is ceased. Close on the amendment to the committee amendments to LB 76, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is a very simple amendment. It would say that when the